Delay in Supply of Gas Through H.B.J. Pipeline

741. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) pipeline to supply Bombay High gas from Hajira to six inland-based fertiliser plants in Northern India has falled behind schedule; if so, by how much;

(b) whether the target for commissioning of IFFCS plant, at Aonla is likely to be delayed because of this factor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work of the second phase of the HBJ pipeline has stopped; and

(d) whether any fertiliser plant other than Aonla which was to be supplied the gas is lying idle?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The HBJ project is expected to be completed in all respects by the scheduled date of July 1989.

(b) GAIL commitment is for supply of gas as feedstock only. The IFFCO Plant at Aonla is expected to draw gas as feedstock from March 1988. GAIL's schedule for supply of gas to Aonla fertilizer plant matches with this schedule.

(c) No, Sir. Work on the line from Bijaipur to Aonla and Auraiya to Jagadishpur is in progress.

(d) No, Sir.

Setting up of Energy Conservation Commission

742. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Energy Conservation Commission in the country to make energy conservation more effective;

(b) if so, by when the proposed commission will be set up;

(c) what are the details of the recommendations made by the Kapoor Committee on Energy conservation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No decision has so far been taken to set up an Energy Conservation Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The committee has made a number of suggestions regarding conservation of energy in the industrial, transport and agricultural sectors. These suggestions incorporate short-term and long-term measures which *inter-alia* include introduction of energy audits in industries, installation of waste-heat recovery and co-generation systems, equipment and process modifications, rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets and adoption/development of energy effidient technologies in the industrial and transport sectors. The Committee has also stressed the need for an effective organisational set up, a revolving fund, fiscal incentives, educational and awareness programmes, and display of levels of energy consumption on different equipments and appliances. The

energy conservation strategy of the Government encompasses most of these suggestions and action is being taken on a continuing basis to implement energy conservation measures.

Enhancement in prices of Petrol, Kerosene and Diesel

743. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions since 1980 the prices of petrol, diesel oil and Kerosene have been enhanced by administrative orders;

(b) the extent of enhancement per litre on each occasion and its impact on general price rise;

(c) the price per litre of petrol, kerosene and diesel oil in 1980 and at the end of December, 1987;

(d) the total revenue expected to be collected through price hike of petrol in December, 1987; and

(e) on what grounds the price of petrol was enhanced in December, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed (*see* below).

(d) and (e) There was no hike in the price of petrol in December, 1987.

Statement

(a) and (b) The details of enhancement of prices of petrol, diesel and kerosene ex-storage points from 1980 onwards are given below:—

(Rs./Litre)

Date of enhancement	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
8-6-1980	0.65	0.65	—
13-1-1981	0.37	0.37	0.10
11-7-1981	0.53	0.32	0.15
15-2-1983	—	0 20	—
18-3-1983	—	—	0.10
1-9-1983	0.10	—	—
17-3-1985	0 83	0.23	0 25
1-2-1986	0.50	0 18	0 23
9-1-1988	1.00	—	—

The percentage share of the extent of rise in the prices of all petroleum to the rise in the wholesale price index is given below :—

1979-80 End March to 26th January	1985-86 End March to 25th January	1986-87 End March to 24th January	1987-88 End March to 23rd January
7.36	0 21	0.13	2.18

(c) Retail price of petrol, diesel and Kerosene at Delhi as on 1-4-1980 and on 31-12-1987.

Rs./Litre

	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
1-4-1980	4.41	1.58	1.54
31-12-1987	7.43	3.50	2.25